

February 16, 2001

TO: West Valley Members of the MAG Regional Council
West Valley Members of the MAG Management Committee
Members of the MAG Transportation Review Committee
Other Community Representatives

FROM: Chris Voigt, MAG

SUBJECT: AGENCY / COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THE MAG GRAND AVENUE
NORTHWEST CORRIDOR STUDY

Monday, February 26, 2001 - 2:00 p.m.
City of Surprise Council Chambers
12425 West Bell Road, Room 100, Surprise, Arizona

An Agency / Community Forum has been scheduled for the time and place noted above for the Maricopa Association of Governments' Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study. You are invited to attend this Forum or to send a representative. Your input to the study is critical to its success. An agenda package along with a list of attendees to previous Forums is attached for your reference.

On November 14, 2000, an Agency / Community Forum was held in Surprise. Preliminary concepts for potential major infrastructure improvements to Grand Avenue that were presented at the November Forum have been developed further based on feedback received. Not all of the potential improvements developed in concept to date are expected to be recommended for construction in the final project report given current funding constraints. Your feedback on the current concepts and their relative priority will be an important consideration for this project. Please refer to the attached.

Working papers presenting background information on socioeconomic trends, traffic conditions and environmental issues will be mailed separately to individuals that have attended previous Forums for this project. These papers will also be mailed to others on request and be made available on the MAG website. Project documents including Forum and meeting materials are available on the MAG website, www.mag.maricopa.gov, under "News and Events".

If you have any questions or would like copies of the background working papers, please contact me or Roger Herzog at (602) 254-6300.

Attachments

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DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Introduction
2. Working Papers
Project working papers presenting background technical information on socioeconomic trends and potential environmental issues will be discussed. Complete copies of working papers* will be made available on request and on the MAG website.
3. Traffic Projections and Corridor Long-Term Needs
Traffic projections developed to date will be presented and discussed. Preliminary roadway and alternative mode needs developed in response to input received at previous Forums and public meetings will be reviewed.
4. Potential Major Infrastructure Improvements
Potential alternative concepts for infrastructure improvements will be presented for comment. These potential improvements are intended to address the issues identified in WP #5 and comments received on the preliminary concepts, both of which were presented at the November 2000 Forum. Please refer to the attached.
5. Agency and Other Community Representatives – Open Discussion
Agency and community representatives will be invited to discuss any other issues they feel is relevant to the project.
6. Call to the Public
An opportunity will be given for members of the public to address the Forum. Speakers will be requested not to exceed a three-minute time period for their comments.
7. Next Steps
The next Forum is being planned for late March 2001. Please bring your schedules so a date and place can be chosen. Prospective dates and places for a public meeting will also be discussed.

* These papers and other background information for the Grand Avenue Northwest Corridor Study may be obtained from the MAG website, www.mag.maricopa.gov, under “News and Events”.

Item #4

**Preliminary Draft
Potential Long-Term Investment Concept**